

AUTO LUCK

By J. H. YEOMANS.

Luck, the alibi of losers in every game and the help-mate of winners, has ridden in motor cars since the first exhaust barked and pack your car as you will she'll find room to go with you and make or break your trip.

Luck is the one passenger who is never late and never crowds the car—good, bad or indifferent she will be on the job from start to finish. She often handles all of the details of a finish that isn't a destination.

Call her Good Luck, Bad Luck, Dame Fortune, Fate—any name you like she is the same old element of outcome that may knock you for a goal one minute and push you into a pool of cheer the next. To the motorist she is the witch that lets the air out of a brand new cord the first few miles and makes a treadless veteran stand up like a solid.

To a car pilot she is the dame that empties the fuel tank far from a filling station and she gets the credit when there happens to be a station near the point of drought.

Luck has driven many a car through where angels fear to tread and Luck in another mood has jammed the works on an easy highway—sometimes she will mix her play and bring a smile and a scowl in the same breath.

She is a whole infield and has the best of the big leaguers completely stopped on double and triple plays unassisted—Luck good or bad will scatter results like bird shot from a sawed off gun.

Good luck is the salvation of the learning driver and gets just credit for keeping him off the casualty list—in fact there are humans who would stall a wheel barrow without Madam Luck's charitable assistance. With but half of an eye you can spot the motorists who stay in action solely because Good Luck sticks with them like a summer cold—Good Luck just loves them like brothers—if she didn't friends would be called upon to "say it with flowers."

You may detour and miss a bad place in a road—you may festoon the car with spares and keep sound rubber under you—you may carry gas for twice the trip but you can't outguess Luck.

Luck is not to be trusted and the motorist who takes a chance is gambling with a shifty player, and flirting with gloom.

Good Luck has a cheering personality like the first crocus of the springtime but you can't bank on her moods and a caress may be but the forerunner of a twin-six wallop.

You can't put her out of the car but you can keep her out of the driver's seat away from the wheel, accelerator and brakes.

If you can't drive without Good Luck's help sign up a human guardian before she leaves you flat.

You can't depend on the lingering of Good Luck any more than you can on a good cook's tenure of office.

Overheating Preventive.

In cars that use thermo-syphon cooling, the water system should always be kept completely filled. If the water level drops considerably, the circulation of the water will be reduced and may even be stopped altogether. With a pump system the pump continues to force the water through the system, regardless of how much or how little of the liquid there may be, but the circulation of the syphon system is simply a natural flow, and this is interrupted in case a considerable portion of the outlet pipe is empty, resulting in overheating of the engine.

EXPORT SHIPMENTS

SHOW A BIG INCREASE

E. H. Serrano, director of exports for the Moon Motor Car Company, St. Louis, reports foreign shipments of Moon cars for April were greater than for any one month since July, 1920, and from all indications, May will show a further increase, as the company has enough unfilled orders on hand to exceed April shipments by fully 100 per cent.

Mr. Serrano further states that this business is fairly well scattered, although Mexico is the best market. At the present time shipments are being made in quantities to Spain, Canada, Sweden, Canary Islands, Australia and Argentina.

On Being Prepared.

One of the principal factors in doing good work of any sort lies in being prepared for the job you are going to tackle. This is something the new car owner often fails to realize. You cannot properly wash a car, grind the valves, clean a spark plug or do any of the other jobs necessary to keeping the car in good running order without being perfectly equipped for the work. By degrees the car owner collects the equipment to enable him to finish each job he tackles in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner.

Balky Starter.

When the starting motor stalls easily and fails to spin the crankshaft as it should it is a safe bet that either the storage battery does not test up to the necessary 1.275 or that the contact points of the line switch are not making proper contact.

Warped Valve Stems.

If there is a lack of compression and on examination the valve heads seem clean and perfect give the valve stems a careful looking over to see if they have not become warped by the intense heat of that part of the engine.

HOW TO PREVENT

RATTLING TIRE CHAINS

The common method of locking spare tires is to use a chain and padlock. The only trouble with the idea is the noise incident to the rattling of the chain and the fact that it mars the finish of parts with which it comes in contact. Some car owners cover this chain with a bit of hose, but this is usually too stiff and is somewhat noisy and even permits marring of the finish. A bit of leather or heavy substitute, the length of the chain and wide enough to form a tube to enclose the chain, offers a satisfactory solution of the prob-

lem. Turn in the edges of the leather case and if you cannot do the job yourself, the nearest harness maker will make the tube for you.

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"The Cavaliers" is the name just announced by the Liberty Motor Car Company for the two special models recently introduced, which will be known individually as the Cavalier Roadster and Cavalier touring.

Four months ago the Liberty company developed a "Special" touring model. Three weeks ago it was followed by a companion car in the roadster type. Their popularity was immediate, and they soon sold in even larger numbers than any Liberty model of former years. But still they were without any particular designation except "Special"

touring and "Special" roadster, which didn't seem adequate. A distinctive name was thought necessary, and suggestions invited.

A name was desired that would be in harmony with the character of the cars—one that would be symbolical of dash and spirit, that would convey the impressions of alertness and vigor, and yet be suggestive of the aristocratic and exclusive. It was a big order. But within five days nearly 1,200 suggestions had been received from Liberty employees and friends of the company.

Among those who had been asked to submit an appropriate name was one of the men responsible for Liberty advertising, W. A. P. John, an author of note. His suggestion was approved by acclamation, and henceforth the Liberty special models will be known as the Liberty Cavaliers.

Inserting Small Screws.

It is often difficult to start by hand the small screws such as are used in the magneto, speedometer, etc. An easy way around this difficulty is to hold the screws between the legs of a pair of calipers, a drawing compass or even in the slot of an ordinary steel pen. The screw is then driven home by the small screwdriver. The same method may be used in replacing small nuts located inaccessibly.

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